D STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK Atty Dkt. 2752-15 In re Patent Application of C# Group Art Unit: 1631 MAERTENS et al. Examiner: Martinell Serial No. 09/638,693 CH CENTER 1600/2900 Date: May 28, 2002 August 15, 2000 Filed: TIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE A NEW SEQUENCES OF TH Title: THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number 0.00 \$ \$ 18.00 previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = minus highest number Independent claims after amendment 0.00 \$ \$ 84.00 0 X previously paid for (at least 3) =3 \$ 0.00 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ 110.00 paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months) \$ 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$740.00) \$ 0.00 , filed Please enter the previously unentered ☐ Submission attached Subtotal 110.00 \$ 0.00 -\$ If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Applicant claims "small entity" status.

Statement filed herewith \$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 Other: 110.00 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. By Atty: B. J. Sadoff, Reg. No. 36,663 Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Communication dated March 25, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks, as well as the attached, are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including May 28, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

57. (Amended) An HCV type 5 polypeptide or peptide selected from the region spanning positions 1 to 2757 of HCV type 5, and wherein said peptide or polypeptide is obtainable by expression of amplified HCV type 5 specific polynucleic acids using HCV type 5 specific primers,

and wherein said peptide or polypeptide contains at least one genotype-specific amino acid.

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